

2021 O-LEVEL ENGLISH – PAPER 1

Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

If there is NO error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided.

If the line is incorrect, circle the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided.

The correct word you provide must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Example:

I arrived to my destination at 2pm.

_____ at _____

My mother is a sensible person.

_____ ✓ _____

The opera, which originated in Europe, refers to a dramatic art form, in which the emotion content is conveyed to the audience as much through music, both voice and instrumental, as it is through the lyrics. Musical theatre differs in that an actor's dramatic performance is central, and neither the singing or the instrumental music take centre stage. Drama in opera is presented using elements such as scenery, costumes and acting. However, the words of the opera, are sang rather than spoken. The singers are accompanied by a musical cast ranging from the small ensemble to a full symphonic orchestra. Opera *Seria* is the most prestigious form of European opera, since a famous composer Gluck reacted with his "reform" operas in the 1800s.

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Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 250 to 350 words for this section.

You should look at the students' proposals on page 3, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

Your school has proposed for the graduating cohort to join the school's alumni to help to nurture the school spirit, foster a sense of pride for the school and preserve school traditions. As part of the post-examination programme,, the Principal has decided to organise a post-examination camp that will help to encourage the graduating cohort to be a part of the school alumni. The Student Council has been tasked to propose suitable activities that can be carried out during this camp.

As President of the Student Council, write a proposal to your Principal to recommend your plans for the camp. Your proposal should include the following:

- identify two activities the cohort might enjoy
- why you think these two activities will appeal to the graduating cohort
- other ways the school can encourage the graduating cohort to be part of the school's alumni

Write your proposal in clear, accurate English and in a positive and persuasive tone, to convince your Principal.

You should use your own words as much as possible.

Camp Activities



Graduation Campfire

Take a walk along memory lane! Reminisce about the campfire that you attended during your Secondary One Orientation. What are the memorable experiences you had in school? What have you learnt? How have you grown? Gather around as your journey comes full circle and enjoy the final campfire of your secondary school life!

Presentation by the Alumni Association

Listen to a presentation by Ms Tamara Teo, Alumni member from the graduating class of 2016. As Secretary of the Alumni Youth Wing, she will tell you more about the activities organised by the Youth Wing for the Alumni as well as the school. Learn more about how you can benefit by contributing to the school as an Alumni member!



Picnic under the Moonlight

Every class will be given their own surprise ingredients, which you will use to cook your own dinner! A huge groundsheet will be laid across our school field so that all of you will be able to enjoy your delicious dishes under the moonlight. What a way to spend the evening!

Section C [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

You are advised to write between 350 to 500 words on one of the following topics.

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

1. "Young people in Singapore should contribute more to improving the local community." What are your views?
2. Describe some things that make you proud of your country. How do these things help to foster a sense of patriotism?
3. Do you agree that young people are becoming increasingly insular, with little regard to the sensitivities of others?
4. "A white lie is better than telling the truth." To what extent do you agree with this saying?